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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am both a consumer and small business that relies on high speed internet with great throughput. It is vital to my workflow and productivity to have broadband access. I am fortunate to be with a service provider committed to providing the highest quality service to its customers, including net neutrality. I further appreciate that my provider offers these services for a fair price. They are able to do this because they utilize AT&T unbundled copper lines granted by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Without broadband competition, service providers will not be encouraged to provide their customers with competitive services at affordable rates.

I do not want to be nickle-and-dimed for basic service which, in this internet age, should be a given right. I equate limiting competition to discrimination as services will be affordable only to the affluent. The internet allows access to a wide breadth of information. Limiting access via slowing service, selectively abridging, and or limiting the use of physical copper lines would impact the disenfranchised, underserved, and "remote".

I feel strongly that the impacts of such an action would exacerbate an already divided country. I strongly oppose any price increases to the cost of internet and telephone services, and believe everyone should have access to competitive internet services.

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